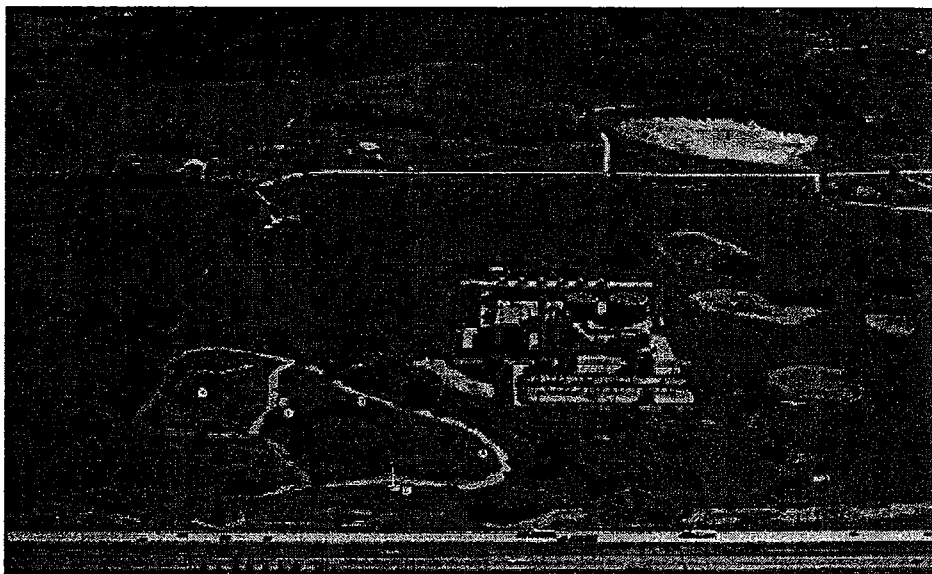

FINAL

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FARIBAULT ENERGY PARK PROJECT

EQB DOCKET NUMBER 02-48-PPS-FEP



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March 30, 2004

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RE: Faribault Energy Park, LLC, Docket #02-48-PPS-FEP
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Storm:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the EQB prepared for the proposed Faribault Energy Park 250 megawatt electric generating facility.

Groundwater Appropriation

The Department remains concerned about the large water appropriation that will be required to operate the facility. The Executive Summary indicates 2 million gallons per day (GPD) will be extracted from the Jordan Formation; elsewhere in the Draft EIS, water usage is given as "approximately 1.9 million gallons per day." The DNR has repeatedly requested that the proposer meet with Area Hydrologist, Randy Bradt (507-333-2051), to begin the permit application process (in comments regarding the Environmental Report prepared during the Certificate of Need process, and in comments on EIS Scoping). Unfortunately, this contact has not yet occurred and we do not have enough information to assess the potential impacts of groundwater withdrawal.

Particularly lacking from the EIS is an indication of the monthly or annual appropriation. An appropriation of this size is significant and could easily approach the statutory threshold for requiring legislative approval (Minnesota Statutes §103G.265, subdivision 3 for consumptive use of more than 2 million GPD average in a 30-day period.) A pumping test with observation wells will be required before a permit can be issued. Again, we recommend the proposer initiate the permitting process as quickly as possible.

Wastewater

We encourage the proposer to investigate opportunities to use some of the project wastewater for enhancing wetlands on or near the site.

Sanitary waste

An on-site septic system is proposed. Since the project site has been annexed, we encourage use of the municipal sewer system if feasible.

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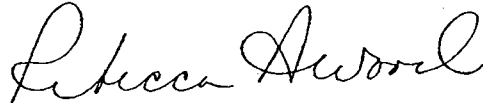
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. We look forward to receiving the Final EIS including responses to these comments. Please contact me with any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Jeff Green, DNR Waters, Rochester
Dan Stinnett, USFWS

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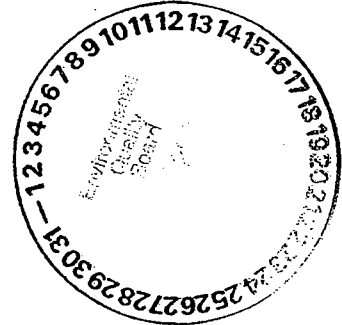
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

April 1, 2004

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Re: Comments on the Environmental Impact Statement for Faribault Energy Park

Dear Mr. Storm:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Faribault Energy Park (FEP) to be built in Rice County. This comment letter addresses matters of concern to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff reviewing the EIS. MPCA staff is submitting the following comments for your considerations and response before a final determination on an adequacy decision is made for this project.

Air Emissions Risk Analysis (AERA)

Section H.1. of the scoping document requires the EIS to include information from FEP's AERA. FEP submitted AERA documents to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and the MPCA on February 20, 2004. MPCA staff did not have time to complete their review of the AERA prior to the EIS's public release date of March 1, 2004. MPCA staff worked with FEP during the public comment period in order to correct and refine the AERA information. Because the AERA information was updated after the EIS was put on public notice, the AERA information contained in the draft EIS was obsolete (Tables 13-17, and 19). The enclosures to this letter include all the updated AERA tables and information that should be made available for public review. With the inclusion of this additional information, the MPCA would find the EIS adequate for an air emissions risk analysis.

The purpose of the AERA is to aid the MPCA in examining possible health risks from a list of toxic chemicals and to help the public understand those risks. In simple terms, the AERA is a screening tool that allows the MPCA to examine health risks from chemicals that are emitted from a facility. The AERA uses conservative assumptions to determine if a more refined risk assessment is necessary. The term "risk" generally refers to estimated cancer risks and the potential for noncancer health effects. Noncancer health effects are described using a hazard quotient (for a single chemical) or a hazard index (the sum of hazard quotients for all noncancer chemical exposures). In the AERA process, "quantitative analysis" specifically refers to the estimation of cancer risks and hazard indices using the Risk Assessment Screening Spreadsheet (included in the enclosures). The AERA process additionally includes a "qualitative analysis," which identifies issues for which public health impacts cannot easily be easily quantified.

The MPCA managers met on March 29, 2004, to hear and discuss staff's findings on the AERA. After consideration of the information, the managers concluded that the AERA was complete, and that the impacts associated with the air emissions that are reasonably expected to occur from this project have been adequately characterized.

Other Comments on the Draft EIS

The following comments are meant to clarify wrong or missing information in certain sections of the EIS.

4.5 Wastewater

This section states that the project will need to obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) permit from the MPCA. However, this permit is missing from the permit requirements in Table 24. Table 24 should read, "NPDES/SDS permit for non-contact cooling water."

The project does not identify any disposal of industrial wastewater. MPCA staff questions whether the only wastewater will be from noncontact cooling water and sanitary sources. Will they have water generated from a maintenance washing area or other nondomestic sources?

6.11 Hazardous Wastes

The federal designation of Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator is not used in Minnesota, as Minnesota rules are more stringent. The correct hazardous waste generator designation for this facility is Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG). Through this designation, the facility would be required to obtain a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ID number. This number is acquired through the MPCA. In addition, Table 24 lists FEP as needing to register as a Small Quantity Generator. This should read VSQG.

6.2.1 Water Resources – Surface Water

According to the 1996 National Water Quality Inventory, stormwater runoff is a leading source of water pollution. The EPA estimates that 20 to 150 tons of soil per acre is lost to stormwater runoff from construction sites. Many studies indicate that controlling erosion can significantly reduce the amount of sedimentation and other pollutants transported by runoff from construction sites.

To that end, the MPCA's Stormwater Program for construction activity is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and pollution entering surface and ground water both during and after construction projects. Stormwater discharges associated with construction activities are regulated through the use of NPDES permits. Through this permit, the owner is required to develop a stormwater pollution prevention plan that incorporates specific best management practices applicable to their site.

The sections that address stormwater do not seem to recognize Minnesota's new General Stormwater Permit for Construction Activity. The new permit, which went through extensive public comment, became effective on August 1, 2003 (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-c.html>). The new program is called "Phase II Construction Stormwater Permit" (Phase II). (The Phase I Construction Stormwater permit program expired on September 3, 2003.) Phase II requires a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which is more comprehensive than the Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plans mentioned in the EIS. The SWPPP requires narratives, standard plates, identifies who will perform inspections and maintenance, and other requirements. In addition, Phase II allows for more options for permanent stormwater treatment. The proposed stormwater retention pond is likely adequate; however, FEP may want to review the Phase II rules for more options as they prepare their final design.

And last, section 4.9 briefly describes best management practices (BMPs) to be employed during site development. While this is a good list, FEP should make sure they are implementing BMPs in accordance with Phase II.

Comments on Sections Related to Air Quality

Executive Summary

In the fourth paragraph from the end, the EIS states "...FEP will comply with the lowest achievable emission rate established under the Federal Clean Air Act." This is incorrect. FEP will meet Best Available Control Technology (BACT), not lowest achievable emission rate (LAER).

4.7 Air Emission Control Equipment

In the fifth paragraph under this section, it states, "Once the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) reviews the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit application, the MPCA may require that the facility utilize an oxidation catalyst as an addition to the proposed air emission control equipment to further reduce emissions of CO and VOCs." MPCA staff has now reviewed the application, and will not require an oxidation catalyst at this time.

6.4 Air Quality

Section D.3. of the scoping document states that the EIS will address carbon dioxide emissions. A discussion of this pollutant appears to be missing.

Table 10

The asterisk at the bottom of the table should read:

*Worst case NO_x and SO₂ emissions occur at 100% load during normal operation for 2500 hours per year, unlike PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀, CO, and VOC worst case emissions, which occur during startup and shutdown.

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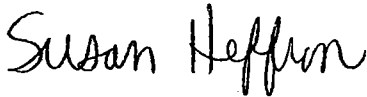
Also in table 10, the value for NOx across from the "Combustion Turbine Subtotal" should read "48.83."

Table 11

For acrolein, the potential emissions in pounds per year should read "105" instead of "10.5."

If you have questions regarding these comments, please call me at (651) 297-1766.

Sincerely,

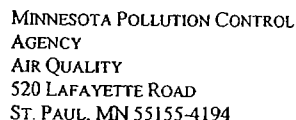
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Susan Heffron
EQB Technical Representative

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Enclosures

cc: David Thornton, MPCA



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- ## 6) General Assessment Considerations

- ### 7) Quantitative Risk Estimates and Associated Qualitative Factors:

- No risks exceeded the criteria, no modeled concentrations exceeded the ceiling values for developmental effects.
- The acute HQ for NOx was 0.3, other chemical risks below 0.1 HQ and 10⁻⁶ cancer risk criteria
- Risks estimated based on 7% of VOCs and 100% of identified HAPS

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Combined Cycle

- Additional lifetime cancer risk estimate for subsistence farmer is 5×10^{-5}
- No modeled concentrations exceeded the ceiling values for developmental effects.
- Majority of additional cancer risk is based on estimated POM emissions assessed using uncertain, likely conservative, benzo(a)pyrene surrogate
- Majority of additional cancer risk is derived from estimated ingestion exposures
- Risks based on 2% of VOCs and 100% of identified HAPs

Air Toxics Screen											
Total Inhalation Screening Hazard Indices and Cancer Risks				Total Indirect Pathway Screening Hazard Indices and Cancer Risks				Total Multipathway Screening Hazard Indices and Cancer Risks			
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8) Dispersion Modeling Comments and Recommendations:

Approve dispersion modeling portion of AERA. Results are likely more accurate and less conservative than dispersion factors from RASS look-up tables or DISPERSE program.

9) Emission Calculations: Comments and Recommendations:

RASS emissions data was reviewed and corrections were made by the Permittee in response to the permit writer's review of the data. Although available information was utilized, emission factors are unavailable for some of the numerous chemicals of combustion.

PERMIT STAFF INFORMED FEP OF THE EXCESSIVE FARMER CANCER RISK, AND THAT THE RISK MANAGERS WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE WHEN THEY MAKE A DETERMINATION ABOUT THE OVERALL RISK FROM THE FEP PROJECT. THIS INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED THROUGH VERBAL TELEPHONE AND EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS. THE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO FEP'S INQUIRY ABOUT THE STATUS AND TIMELINE OF THE PERMIT PUBLIC NOTICING.

Additional Qualitative Considerations Include:



Nearby Receptors: No sensitive receptors were identified within a kilometer of the proposed facility. There appears to be a farm house northeast of the proposed facility. The site vicinity is sparsely populated, with more densely populated areas of Fairbault located a mile to the south. The population surrounding the proposed facility may increase if Fairbault expands to the north. The vicinity is currently agricultural. See the census maps of the proposed facility vicinity.

Nearby Facilities (within 1 mile): Williams Pipeline Co., Primera Foods Inc., and the airport are located roughly within a mile of the site. Traffic from the nearby I-35 and other local roads is an additional source of air pollution near the site.

Accidental Releases: NA

Diesel Generators: During testing and emergency use, diesel engine exhaust, which is composed of NO_x, SO₂, various air toxics, PAHs, fine particles and other chemicals. Hazards associated with exposures to diesel exhaust include respiratory irritation. Longer term exposures may result in cancer and chronic bronchitis. The emergency generator and fire pump engines would be tested once per week.

Direct PM_{2.5} Emissions: PM_{2.5} emissions were estimated using emission factors developed by EPA for its National Emission Inventory (ftp://ftp.epa.gov/EmisInventory/prelim2002nei/point/documentation/egu2002nei_final.pdf). The estimates take annual limits on fuel oil use into account but assume emissions are uncontrolled. Faribault Energy Park will employ good combustion practices but will not add any control equipment for PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5}.

The PM_{2.5} emission estimates for the two operating scenarios are 1.76 tpy and 6.82 lb/hr for the simple cycle turbine, 34.2 tpy and 7.80 lb/hr for the combined cycle turbine, and 0.315 tpy (0.0720 lb/hr) for the boiler. The boiler will only run during combined cycle operation. Annual PM_{2.5} emissions from the combined cycle turbine are relatively higher than those from the simple cycle turbine due to higher limits on fuel oil burning. As shown, hourly emissions for the two scenarios are similar.

Air Monitoring Results: Ambient air pollutant monitoring data for air toxics and criteria pollutants, collected from the statewide monitoring program, are summarized in the attached graphics. A summary of the recently monitored air toxic concentrations in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area is available at

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/hot/legislature/reports/2003/lr-airtoxmonitoring-1sy03.pdf>. In general, the statewide air toxics monitoring data has found that benzene and formaldehyde are routinely measured at levels near or above their respective inhalation health benchmarks (based on 10-5 additional cancer risk levels). A significant portion of the statewide inventory of these pollutants is from mobile sources. The concentrations of these pollutants have been found to be somewhat higher in urban areas than in the rural areas. This generalization has been found in MN and nationally. Cities size of Fairbault have generally been found to have air toxic concentrations on the order of those found in the Twin Cities suburbs, such as Apple Valley. With respect to PM_{2.5}, average annual concentrations in the southern



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half of Minnesota range between 9 ug/m³ and 12 ug/m³ (compared to an annual standard of 15 ug/m³). No Minnesota monitoring data is available for PAHs or POM.

MN Emission Inventory Info: For reference, the 1999 emission inventory (estimated actual emissions) for POM, PAH and 7-PAH was sorted and the top facility emissions are listed on the attachments. Note that the AERA emission estimates are PTE, so these will clearly be higher than those estimated for the emission inventory. However, for reference, the fuel oil estimates for combined cycle PAH are 0.039 tpy and for POM 0.0027 tpy. For POM, this would imply that the combined cycle would emit less than the 84th facility in the statewide ranking for this specific pollutant, and for PAH the combined cycle estimated PAH PTE is higher than all but one facility in the state (reported actuals).

Respiratory Sensitizers: Beryllium and nickel are emitted from fuel oil combustion. As for all respiratory sensitizers, although their concentrations are well below their respective health benchmarks, due to the variable nature of the allergic response in sensitized individuals, it is not possible to predict at what the concentration a previously sensitized may experience adverse effects.

Developmental Toxicants: These include arsenic, benzene and mercury from the simple cycle; and arsenic, benzene, mercury and ethyl benzene from the combined cycle. None were above their respective ceiling values. In addition, although carbon tetrachloride and chloroform may possibly be emitted, quantitative emission estimates were unavailable.

Community Concerns: None have been identified

State and Federal Requirements:

What state and federal control requirements apply? BACT is required for combined cycle operation. Source is an affected source under part 63 subp. YYYY for combustion turbines, but the source is not a major HAP source so subp. YYYY does not apply

Demonstrated technical feasibility: Catalytic Oxidizer is technically feasible for CO, which also would control organic HAPs.

Demonstrated economic feasibility: Catalytic oxidizer is not economically feasible according to the BACT analysis. Good combustion practice is BACT, for CO, which will also minimize organic HAP. GCP includes limits for operating in startup/shutdown mode when CO and organic HAP emissions are highest.

If hazard indices exceed 1 and cancer risks exceed 10⁻⁵, does the project have a reasonable level of emissions control? Yes, the combined cycle combustion turbine will have a reasonable level of control (good combustion practices)

Conservativeness of the Quantitative Analysis (i.e., underestimates potential health risks?):
Especially with respect to the combined cycle operations, which were assumed to burn fuel oil 8760



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hours/year, this is a conservative assumption. Using benzo(a)pyrene as a surrogate for POM and PAH is also considered conservative (in addition to being quite uncertain). Limitations in the emission factor databases result in significant additional uncertainties. The refined dispersion analysis was not very conservative, especially compared to the screening level modeling available in the RASS lookup table. Most of the estimated risks are derived from the multimedia ingestion exposure route. Due to the multimedia modeling complexity, and the exclusion of the fish consumption scenario, this is relatively more uncertain than the inhalation route risks. The conservativeness of the multimedia modeling for a subsistence farmer is unknown. Because only a small fraction of the VOCs were assessed, this is not conservative. Following general EPA guidance, the AERA process estimates total hazard indices and cancer risks for air toxics (summary table section 7), however this estimate does not account for risks from criteria pollutants. In this respect, the risk estimates are not conservative.

Considerations for analysis:

1. Issues that can be clarified through a refined analysis: Use of future actual emissions rather than PTE emissions (accompanied by an appropriate permit limit). The following would help refine the analysis but would be resource-intensive:
 - Review of the multimedia modeling approach and assumptions, including the use of site-specific factors (which would include assessing the fish consumption from the lakes),
 - Improved emission estimates to include more of the mass emitted,
 - Speciation of the POM and PAH mass emissions &/or development of a toxicity value for the fuel oil combustion mixture

2. Issues that a refined analysis will not resolve:

Staff team recommendations:

Additional refinements listed above would result in lower risk estimates. However, other factors, not currently included in the scope of the analysis, would result in higher risk estimates, so it's not clear that it would be meaningful to further refine this analysis.



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RISK MANAGEMENT AERA SUMMARY

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Decision options:

1. Refined assessment needed
2. Facility risk analysis is complete. Env. Review and/or permitting proceeds.
3. Request mitigative measures
4. Recommend EIS

Decision: Facility risk analysis is complete. Environmental Review and/or permitting proceeds.

Management Rationale:

The MPCA Risk Managers met on March 29, 2004 to discuss this AERA. Staff presented the information contained in this document and discussed their conclusions and concerns.

After consideration of all of this information the Risk Managers conclude that the facility air risk analysis is complete and that the impacts associated with air emissions that are reasonably expected to occur from this project do not have the potential for significant environmental or health effects.

In reaching this decision and conclusion, the Risk Managers note the following:

1) Emissions were estimated based on full-time operation (8760 hours per year) with fuel oil. This facility is intended to operate as an intermediate load plant with natural gas as its primary fuel. Thus the emissions assumed in the analysis represent a significant over estimate of the emissions that would be reasonably expected to occur. 2) Mercury emissions estimated from AP-42 may be unreliable. Other data suggests emissions would be insignificant (<1 lb/yr.) 3) The maximum expected risk is for a farmer ingesting food grown at the sight of maximum impact. The point of maximum exposure for the farmer is just outside the fence line of the facility. This represents an exposure scenario that is not likely to occur. In addition, the farmer risk is based on the assumption that all POM and PAH is benzo(a)pyrene, This is a conservative assumption. Any attempt to speciate further is only likely to reduce the risk. Therefore the estimated farmer risk is considered to be an overestimate while taking into account the uncertainties summarized above.

Section Manager Signatures and dates

J.D. Johnson 3/31/04
M. J. O'Neil 3/31/04
Ma. E. Han 3/31/04

Summary of Quantitative Results of the AERA

RASS version number = 20040302

Facility Name:
User Title:
Type of emissions

Faribault Energy Park					
FEP Combined Cycle Calculations February 2004 Version					
PTE					
Criteria Pollutant Screen					
Chemical	Fraction of 11 hazard	Fraction of 13 hazard	Fraction of 22 hazard	Fraction of 24 hazard	Fraction of 25 hazard
SO ₂	0.027	0.032	0.022		0.003
PM ₁₀			0.345		0.016
PM _{2.5}					
NO _x					0.005
CO	0.010				
Pb				0.000	

Air Toxics Screen											
Total Inhalation Screening Hazard Indices and Cancer Risks				Total Indirect Pathway Screening Hazard Indices and Cancer Risks				Total Multipathway Screening Hazard Indices and Cancer Risks			
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OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	REFINE		OK	OK	REFINE	OK	OK

<<<Acceptable
Level

<<<OK or Not?

Fraction of VOCs assessed	0.020
Fraction of HAPs assessed	0.000

Total Criteria Pollutant Emissions (tpy)	1537.146
Total HAP Emissions (tpy)	13.884
Total VOC Emissions (tpy)	350.052

Ceiling Values Exceeded?	
Benzene	no
Carbon disulfide	no
Cellosolve Acetate	no
Chloroform	no
2-ethoxyethanol	no
Ethylbenzene	no
Ethyl chloride	no
2-methoxyethanol	no
Trichloroethylene	no
Arsenic	no
Carbon tetrachloride	no
Mercury	no
Propylene oxide	no

AERA Screening Level Estimated Risks for Inhalation Exposures, Ingestion Exposures and for the Combination of Inhalation and Ingestion

Facility Name:

Fairbault Energy Park

User Title:

FEP Combined Cycle Calculations February 2004 Version

cas # or MPCA #	Chemical Name	Screening Inhalation Hazard Quotients and Cancer Risks for Individual Substances				Chronic Screening Non-Inhalation Pathway Hazard Quotients and Cancer Risks for Individual Substances				Chronic Screening Total Hazard Quotients and Cancer Risks (Inhalation + Non-Inhalation) for Individual Substances			
		Acute ISHQ	Subchronic Noncancer ISHQ	Chronic Noncancer ISHQ	ISIR(c)	Farmer Noncancer	Farmer Cancer	Resident Noncancer	Resident Cancer	Farmer Noncancer	Farmer Cancer	Resident Noncancer	Resident Cancer
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7440-38-2	Arsenic	3.3E-02		2.3E-03	2.9E-07					2.3E-03	2.9E-07	2.3E-03	2.9E-07
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439-92-1	Lead				1.4E-09		2.6E-09				4.0E-09		1.4E-09
439-96-5	Manganese			1.4E-02						1.4E-02		1.4E-02	
439-97-6	Mercury	6.5E-04	3.3E-04	1.6E-04		1.6E-04				3.2E-04		1.6E-04	
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440-02-0	Nickel	2.8E-04		7.6E-04	9.9E-09					7.6E-04	9.9E-09	7.6E-04	9.9E-09
0102-44-0	Nitrogen oxide (NO2)	5.4E-02											
30498-29-2	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)				1.9E-08		5.8E-06				5.8E-06		1.9E-08
0-01-7	Polycyclic Organic Matter (POM)				1.3E-07		3.8E-05				3.6E-05		1.3E-07
784-49-2	Selenium			9.9E-06						9.9E-06		9.9E-06	
08-88-3	Toluene	4.0E-06		3.2E-06						3.2E-06		3.2E-06	
330-20-7	Xylenes	2.2E-06		6.7E-06						6.7E-06		6.7E-06	
440-66-6	Zinc												
0-03-3	Zinc Compounds												

Estimated Air Concentrations Used for the AERA

Facility Name:

Faribault Energy Park

User Title:

FEP Combined Cycle Calculations F

Air Concentrations in ug/m ³		Total - all stacks				
CAS # or MPCA #	Chemical Name	C (1-hr)	C (3-hr)	C (24-hr)	C (monthly)	C (annual)
SO2	SO2	3.5E+01	2.9E+01	8.1E+00	3.4E-01	1.6E-01
PM10	PM10	2.8E+02	2.4E+02	5.2E+01	1.3E+00	5.5E-01
PM2.5	PM2.5	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00
NOx	NOx	2.5E+01	2.0E+01	6.4E+00	1.0E+00	4.8E-01
CO	CO	3.4E+02	2.9E+02	6.3E+01	1.0E+00	4.5E-01
Pb	Pb	8.7E-03	7.3E-03	1.9E-03	2.6E-04	1.2E-04
7664-41-7	Ammonia	1.0E+01	8.9E+00	1.9E+00	1.0E-01	4.1E-02
7440-38-2	Arsenic	6.3E-03	5.3E-03	1.3E-03	1.6E-04	6.8E-05
56-55-3	Benz[a]anthracene	5.6E-06	4.1E-06	1.9E-06	4.4E-07	2.2E-07
71-43-2	Benzene	2.8E-02	2.4E-02	5.1E-03	5.1E-04	2.0E-04
207-08-9	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	2.0E-06	1.5E-06	7.0E-07	1.6E-07	7.8E-08
50-32-8	Benzo[a]pyrene	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00
205-99-2	Benzo[b]fluoranthene	2.0E-06	1.5E-06	7.0E-07	1.6E-07	7.8E-08
7440-41-7	Beryllium	7.3E-04	5.5E-04	2.3E-04	4.7E-05	2.3E-05
106-99-0	Butadiene, 1,3-	8.0E-03	6.9E-03	1.5E-03	1.4E-04	5.6E-05
7440-43-9	Cadmium	3.0E-03	2.5E-03	6.4E-04	8.7E-05	3.9E-05
18540-29-9	Chromium (Hexavalent) (particulate)	6.1E-03	5.1E-03	1.2E-03	1.4E-04	6.1E-05
218-01-9	Chrysene (Benzo(a)phenanthrene)	3.3E-06	2.4E-06	1.1E-06	2.5E-07	1.3E-07
7440-50-8	Copper	1.1E-03	8.4E-04	3.9E-04	8.9E-05	4.4E-05
53-70-3	Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	2.3E-06	1.7E-06	7.9E-07	1.8E-07	8.8E-08
100-41-4	Ethyl benzene	8.8E-05	6.4E-05	3.0E-05	6.8E-06	3.4E-06
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	1.9E-01	1.5E-01	4.1E-02	6.0E-03	2.7E-03
193-39-5	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	2.9E-06	2.2E-06	1.0E-06	2.3E-07	1.1E-07
7439-92-1	Lead	8.7E-03	7.3E-03	1.9E-03	2.6E-04	1.2E-04
7439-96-5	Manganese	4.0E-01	3.4E-01	7.3E-02	7.0E-03	2.8E-03
7439-97-6	Mercury	1.2E-03	9.4E-04	3.1E-04	1.0E-04	4.8E-05
91-20-3	Naphthalene	1.9E-02	1.6E-02	3.7E-03	4.3E-04	1.8E-04
7440-02-0	Nickel	2.9E-03	2.4E-03	6.2E-04	8.5E-05	3.8E-05

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130498-29-2	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)	2.5E-03	2.1E-03	4.6E-04	4.4E-05	1.8E-05
00-01-7	Polycyclic Organic Matter (POM)	3.0E-03	2.2E-03	1.0E-03	2.3E-04	1.1E-04
7784-49-2	Selenium	1.5E-02	1.3E-02	3.3E-03	4.4E-04	2.0E-04
108-88-3	Toluene	1.5E-01	1.3E-01	2.8E-02	3.1E-03	1.3E-03
1330-20-7	Xylenes	9.5E-02	8.2E-02	1.7E-02	1.7E-03	6.7E-04
7440-66-6	Zinc	7.7E-04	5.6E-04	2.6E-04	5.9E-05	2.9E-05
00-03-3	Zinc Compounds	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00

Estimated Chemical Emission Rates Used for the AERA

Facility Name:
User Title:

Type of emissions (e.g., PTE/Future Actual)

PTB

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Summaries

GAS or MPCA	Chemical Name	HAP	VOC	Total Annual Emissions (tpy)	Stack Emission (tpy)	Boiler Emission (tpy)	Stack (3) Boiler Emission (tpy)	Stack (4) Boiler Emission (tpy)	SUM OF HAPS (TPY)	SUM OF VOCs (TPY)	Criteria Pollutant Sums
SO2	SO2	NO	NO	118.050000	92.4	115.5	2.05	2.55	13.886987	7.04175	118.05
PM10	PM10	NO	NO	839.149000	934.44	834.99	0.95	4.159			839.149
PM2.5	PM2.5	NO	NO								0
NOx	NOx	NO	NO	150.333000	51.85	140.25	2.3	10.083			150.333
CO	CO	NO	NO	429.502000	1191.48	423.2	1.44	6.302			429.502
Pb	Pb	NO	NO	0.111580	0.02521	0.11	0.00036	0.00158			0.11158
VOCs	VOCs	NO	NO	350.052000	1220.74	349.8	0.058	0.252		350.052	
Total HAPs	Total HAPs	NO	NO	13.884300	3.16	13.82	0.0147	0.0643	13.8843		
75-07-0	Acetaldehyde	YES	YES	0.195700	0.04467	0.1957	0	0	0.1957	0.1957	
107-02-8	Acrolein	YES	YES	0.061300	0.014	0.0613	0	0	0.0613	0.0613	
7684-41-7	Ammonia	NO	NO	92.000000	37.3	92	0	0	0		
7440-38-2	Arsenic	YES	NO	0.087500	0.01981	0.0868	0.00016	0.0007	0.0875		
56-55-3	Benz(a)anthracene	YES	NO	0.000005	0	0	0.00000118	0.00000517	5.17E-06		
71-43-2	Benzene	YES	YES	0.434270	0.09906	0.434	0.0000616	0.00027	0.43427	0.43427	
207-08-9	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	YES	NO	0.000002	0	0	0.000000426	0.00000187	1.87E-06		
50-32-8	Benzo(a)pyrene	YES	NO		0	0	0	0	0		
205-99-2	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	YES	NO	0.000002	0	0	0.000000426	0.00000187	1.87E-06		
7440-41-7	Beryllium	YES	NO	0.002975	0.00056	0.00245	0.00012	0.000525	0.002975		
106-99-0	Butadiene, 1,3	YES	YES	0.126000	0.02882	0.126	0	0	0.126	0.126	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	YES	NO	0.038425	0.00864	0.0379	0.00012	0.000525	0.038425		
18540-29-9	Chromium (Hexavalent) (particulate)	YES	NO	0.087325	0.01981	0.0868	0.00012	0.000525	0.087325		
218-01-9	Chrysene (Benzo(a)phenanthrene)	YES	NO	0.000003	0	0	0.000000685	0.000003	0.000003		
7440-50-8	Copper	NO	NO	0.001050	0	0	0.00024	0.00105			
53-70-3	Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	YES	YES	0.000002	0	0	0.000000481	0.00000211	2.11E-06	2.11E-06	
100-41-4	Ethyl benzene	YES	YES	0.000080	0	0	0.0000183	0.0000802	0.0000802	0.0000802	
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	YES	YES	2.251600	0.50428	2.21	0.0095	0.0416	2.2516	2.2516	
193-39-5	Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	YES	YES	0.000003	0	0	0.000000616	0.0000027	0.0000027	0.0000027	

Estimated Chemical Emission Rates Used for the AERA

Facility Name:
User Title:

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Type of emissions (e.g., PTE/Future Actual)

CAS# of Chemical	Chemical Name	EPA NOX	Total Actual Emissions (TPY)	Future Actual Emissions (TPY)	PTE	Summaries		
						SUM OF HAPS (TPY)	SUM OF VOCs (TPY)	Criteria Pollutant Sums
7439-92-1	Lead	YES	NO	0.111580	0.02521	0.00036	0.00158	0.11158
7439-96-5	Manganese	YES	NO	6.231050	1.423	6.23	0.00024	0.00105
7439-97-8	Mercury	YES	NO	0.010515	0.00216	0.008465	0.00012	0.010515
91-20-3	Naphthalene	YES	YES	0.277420	0.06304	0.276	0.000325	0.00142
7440-02-0	Nickel	YES	NO	0.036825	0.00328	0.0363	0.00012	0.000525
10102-44-0	Nitrogen oxide (NO2)-input NOx emissions with criteria pollutants	NO	NO	150.333000	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033
130498-29-2	Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)	YES	NO	0.039400	0.009	0.0394	0	0.0394
00-01-7	Polycyclic Organic Matter (POM)	YES	YES	0.002720	0	0	0.00062	0.00272
7784-49-2	Selenium	YES	NO	0.199630	0.04503	0.197	0.0006	0.00263
108-88-3	Toluene	YES	YES	2.193420	0.46699	2.1856	0.00178	0.00782
1330-20-7	Xylenes	YES	YES	1.499235	0.34227	1.4991	0.00003	0.000135
7440-66-6	Zinc	NO	NO	0.000701			0.00016	0.000701
00-03-3	Zinc Compounds	NO	NO					
						0.0366957	0.004175	
						0.11158		
						6.23105		
						0.010515		
						0.27742	0.27742	
						0.000525		
						0.0394		
						0.00272	0.00272	
						0.19963		
						2.19342	2.19342	
						1.499235	1.499235	
						0.000701		

Air Dispersion Factors for Estimated Air Concentrations for the AERA

Facility Name:

User Title:

Type of emissions

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FEP Combined Cycle Calculations February 2004 Ver:

PTE

Batch Process (or other)	Stack (S) #1	Stack (S) #2
1-hr dispersion value from batch process or other air dispersion modeling	2.205	37.98
3-hr dispersion value from batch process or other air dispersion modeling	1.893	27.84
8-hr dispersion value from batch process or other air dispersion modeling	0.9916	20.11
24-hr dispersion value from batch process or other air dispersion modeling	0.4041	13.03
Monthly dispersion value from batch process or other air dispersion modeling	0.03877	2.946
Annual dispersion value from batch process or other air dispersion modeling	0.01547	1.454

Facility Name:	Faribault Energy Park	
User Title:	FEP Combined Cycle Calculations February 2004 Version	
Chemicals Potentially Emitted, but Emission Rates were Unavailable		
No emissions rates for:	1,4-dichlorobenzene	
	Carbon tetrachloride	
	Tetrachloroethylene	
	Chlorobenzene	
	Chloroform	
	Vinylidene chloride	
	Vinyl chloride	
	Ethylene dichloride	
	Methylene chloride	

These chemicals plus those for which emission estimates were available are the Chemicals of Potential Interest (COPI)

Inhalation Health Benchmarks Used to Estimate Risks for the AERA

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**Faribault Energy Park
Estimated Mercury Emissions**

Summary of Information Requested in "Assessing the Impacts of Mercury Releases to Ambient Air" (Mercury Guidance)

Prepared by Ned Brooks 3/31/04

1. Emissions estimates. (Based on estimates prepared by Marshall Cole 3/29/04, see attached)

Estimated Emissions, lbs/yr

Scenario	Fuel	Emissions factor source	Lbs hg/yr
Simple Cycle Min	No. 2 distillate /Natural Gas		0.78
Combined Cycle	Natural Gas	AP-42 (boilers)	4.19
Combined Cycle	No. 2 Distillate	AP-42 *	18.94*
Combined Cycle	No. 2 Distillate	CATEF	0.31
Combined Cycle	No. 2 Distillate	MPCA sampling of Mn No. 2 distillate	0.57

* This is based on EPA's AP-42 emission factor for No. 2 distillate, which has an EPA rating of 'D' (tests were based on a generally unacceptable method but may provide an order of magnitude value for the source).

Using what the MPCA believes to be more reliable emissions factors (California Toxic Emissions Factors database and actual mercury concentration in fuel oil in Minnesota refineries sampled by the MPCA) the MPCA estimates emissions of less than 1 pound per year.

2. Current mercury reduction measures. Not required.

3. Mercury Flow diagram. (attached)

4. Evaluation of Alternatives. Submitted as part of Certificate of Need

Marshall Cole
2004

March 29,

Mercury Emission Factors and Emissions
for
Natural Gas and No. 2 Distillate Fuel Oil-fired Combustion Turbines

SUMMARY

Fuel	Mercury Emission Factor Source	lb/hr	lb/yr
Natural Gas	AP-42 (boilers; no data for gas turbines)	4.78 E-04	4.19
No. 2 distillate	AP-42	2.16 E-03	18.94
No. 2 distillate	CATEF	3.51 E-05	0.31
No. 2 distillate	Ed Swain data	6.35 E-05	0.56
No. 2 distillate	EPA Locating and Estimating Documents	not calculated - see discussion below	

Natural Gas

Factor Source: AP-42 ch. 1-4 natural gas combustion in external combustion units/boilers

Factor: $2.6 \text{ E-}04 \text{ lb/10}^6 \text{ scf}$ of natural gas; EPA factor rating of 'D' which is defined as "Tests that were based on a generally unacceptable method but may provide an order of magnitude value for the source."

Factor is based on tests on 2 boilers with results of $1.76 \text{ E-}04 \text{ lb/mm scf}$ (utility boiler EPRI site 120, April 4, 1993) and $3.34 \text{ E-}04 \text{ lb/mm scf}$ (Gibson Oil Refinery industrial boiler, Bakersfield CA May 17, 1990)

To convert to lb/mmBtu,

$$2.6 \text{ E-}04 \text{ lb/10}^6 \text{ scf} * \text{scf/1020 Btu} = 2.549 \text{ E-}07 \text{ lb/mmBtu}$$

For FEP combined cycle operation, 100% load on natural gas is 1876 mmBtu/hr

$$1876 \text{ mmBtu/hr} * 2.549 \text{ E-}07 \text{ lb/mmBtu} = 4.78 \text{ E-}04 \text{ lb/hr} * 8760 \text{ hr/yr} \\ = 4.19 \text{ lb/yr for NG}$$

NOTE: This is the only source I was able to locate for any natural gas Hg emission factor

No. 2 Distillate Fuel Oil (DFO)

1DFO. Factor source: *CATEF*

1 source tested (industrial cogeneration turbine; date unknown) EPA Factor Rating: E

	lbs/Mgal	lb/mmBtu
Mean:	2.71E-06	1.95 E-08
Median:	1.64E-06	1.18 E-08
Maximum:	5.14E-06	3.70 E-08
Minimum:	1.34E-06	9.64 E-09

For FEP combined cycle operation, use the mean factor value with 100% load on oil at 1801.4 mmBtu/hr

$$1801.4 \text{ mmBtu/hr} * 1.95 \text{ E-08 lb/mmBtu} = 3.51 \text{ E-05 lb/hr} * 8760 \text{ hr/yr} \\ = 0.3077 \text{ lb/yr for No. 2 distillate oil}$$

2DFO. Factor Source: *AP-42* chapter 3.1, Table 3.1-5

1.2 E-06 lb/mmBtu EPA factor rating 'D'

$$1801.4 \text{ mmBtu/hr} * 1.2 \text{ E-06 lb/mmBtu} = 2.16 \text{ E-03 lb/hr} * 8760 \text{ hr/yr} \\ = 18.94 \text{ lb/yr for No. 2 distillate oil}$$

Factor background data from AP-42 Section 3.1 - Stationary Gas Turbines for Electricity Generation

Facility: Imperial Irrigation, Imperial CA

Date: January 1991

Turbine data: General Electric model NS5000P 46.3 MW power generation, 100% load, no emission controls; 3 test runs, 2 of which were non-detect

3DFO. Factor Source: *Locating and Estimating documents* in EPA CHIEF website, for mercury at this link <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/le/mercury2.pdf> second paragraph page 6-17.

Because only a single mean value was found in the literature for mercury concentration in distillate oil, no conclusions can be drawn about the range of mercury in distillate oil. Table 6-11 lists typical values for mercury in oils, which were obtained by taking the average of the mean values found in the literature. The value for distillate oil is the single data point found in the literature and may not be as representative as the values for residual and crude oils (*<0.12 ppmwt*).

No emissions data will be calculated using this value.

4DFO. Emission based on actual mercury in distillate fuel oil data provided by Ed Swain

Flint Hills and Ashland refineries in Minnesota - samples contain a maximum content of 0.6 ng/milliliter with an average density of 0.87 g/ml (specific gravity of 0.87) which equals a density of 7.25 lb/gal

$$0.6\text{ng/ml} * \text{ml}/0.87\text{g} = 6.0 \text{ E-10 g}/8.7 \text{ E-01 g} = 0.69 \text{ ppb by wt (6.9 E-10)}$$

$$6.9 \text{ E-10} * 7.1 \text{ lb/gal} * 12,960 \text{ gal/hr} = 6.35 \text{ E-05 lb/hr} * 8760 \text{ hr/yr} = 0.56 \text{ lb/yr}$$

Note: 12,960 gal/hr is fuel oil consumption rate at maximum heat input of 1801.4 mmBtu/hr and 7.1 lb/gal is assumed density of No. 2 distillate fuel oil

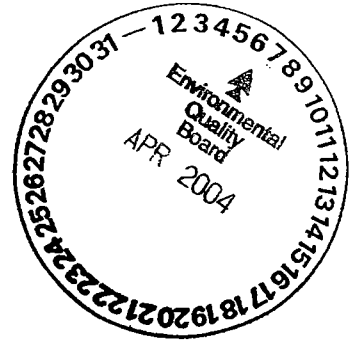
III. Response to Comments Received

- a. Faribault Energy park**
- b. Minnesota Environmental Quality Board**

Faribault Energy Park, LLC

April 7, 2004

Mr. Bill Storm
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
300 Centennial Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155



**Re: Faribault Energy Park, LLC
MEQB Docket No. 02-48-PPS-FEP**

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Response to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Comment to Faribault Energy Park Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Water Appropriation

The applicant has had communication with MDNR permit staff regarding permit requirements and is prepared to submit a groundwater withdrawal permit. The maximum requirements for cooling water for the facility were based upon empirical meteorologic data on climatologic information on temperature and humidity for the geographic area. Based upon those data, withdrawal would be 1.95 million gallons per day (mgd), based upon 24-hours of operation. Use of this amount of water would be highly unlikely, as the facility would likely be cycled and water resource use requirements would be based upon a 16-hour per day cycle.

In accordance with statutory and permit application requirements, the applicant is preparing modeling to predict the effect of anticipated withdrawals on the closest water resource users.

Wastewater

The applicant anticipates process wastewater will be directed to a created wetlands on the site, provided the preferred site is selected.

Sanitary Waste

If the City of Faribault extends sanitary service to the area, the applicant would consider this the preferred method of sanitary effluent management. As this is not currently an option, management of sanitary effluent is anticipated to be in a septic system under applicable permit.

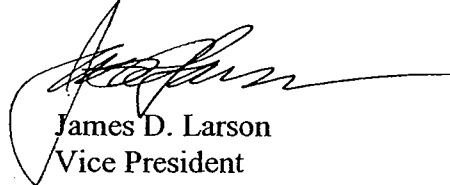
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April 7, 2004

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Faribault Energy Park, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Larson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James D. Larson
Vice President

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Response to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Faribault Energy Park

Air Emissions Risk Analysis (AERA)

We are pleased that MPCA has determined the AERA to be complete and that the air emissions associated with the project have been adequately characterized.

4.5 Wastewater

Industrial wastewater would only be generated during periodic maintenance events, and managed and disposed offsite in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements by the maintenance contractor.

6.11 Hazardous Wastes

FEP recognizes the rules governing Very Small Quantity Generators in Minnesota and will comply with the Minnesota rules regarding the generation, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste.

6.2.1 Water Resources – Surface Water

FEP recognizes the comments and will comply with all applicable regulatory requirements during construction activities at the project.

Air Quality

Executive Summary

FEP recognizes that the control technologies to be employed will meet Best Available Control Technologies (BACT).

4.7 Air Emissions Control Equipment

It is recognized that MPCA has determined that an oxidation catalyst is not required as BACT.

6.4 Air Quality

The MPCA commented that the EIS does not discuss carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. While CO₂ is not a regulated pollutant in the United States, it is recognized as greenhouse gas having potential impact on global climate change.

Many greenhouse gases occur naturally, but human activities add gases to the natural mix. Water vapor is the most abundant greenhouse gas; it occurs naturally and makes up about two-thirds of the natural greenhouse effect. Fuel burning and other human activities, however, are adding large amounts of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere — the most important ones being carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆). Since preindustrial times, atmospheric concentrations of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O have climbed by over 30%, 145% and 15%, respectively. Scientists have confirmed this is primarily due to human activity. Burning fossil fuels (e.g., coal, oil and gas) and cutting down forests are largely responsible.

Separating out the impact of human activity from natural climate variation is extremely difficult. Nonetheless, the scientific community has generally concluded that there is a “discernible human influence” on climate. This means the observed global warming is unlikely to be the result of natural variability alone and that human activities are at least partially responsible.

Human health, agriculture, water resources, forests, wildlife, and coastal areas are vulnerable to global warming and the climatic changes it will bring. A few degrees of warming increases the chances of more frequent and severe heat waves, which can cause more heat-related death and illness. Greater heat can also mean worsened air pollution, as well as damaged crops and depleted water resources. Warming is likely to allow tropical diseases, such as malaria, to spread northward in some areas of the world. It will also intensify the Earth’s hydrological cycle. This means that both evaporation and precipitation will increase. Some areas will receive more rain, while other areas will be drier. At the same time, extreme events like floods and droughts are likely to become more frequent. Warming will cause glaciers to melt and oceans to expand.

Anthropogenic increases and decreases in CO₂ emissions reflect the demand for energy derived from fossil fuels. Factors that affect fossil fuel demand are large-scale and include aspects such as government policy, gross domestic production, population size, human behavior, energy efficiency, and availability, acceptability (e.g. nuclear power) and economic viability of alternative non-carbon based energy sources. The ability to influence these factors is subject to much debate and considerable research. Site specific

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technologies to remove and store carbon dioxide from the exhaust are not currently available.

While FEP is proposing to construct and operate a fossil fuel fired turbine, it will implement state of the art technology at its facility to maximize fuel efficiency. Increasing fuel efficiency is recognized internationally, such as through the United Nations, as an economically viable mitigation effort. The amount of fuel required to operate the combustion turbine is less than older comparably sized turbines used elsewhere in Minnesota and throughout the country. Furthermore, the future addition of the heat recovery steam generator will greatly enhance the efficiency of the plant by generating electricity from the waste-heat of the turbine exhaust.

EIS Table 10

FEP acknowledges that worst case emissions of VOC, CO, and PM₁₀ occur during start-up. However, in the context of the EIS, the worst case emissions during normal operation occur at 100% load as opposed to reduced loads. It should also be noted that for the combined cycle operation only, NO_x emissions will be greater during start-up than during normal operation. This is because the combined cycle combustion turbine NO_x emissions will be controlled with the application of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) during normal operation. The efficiency of SCR is technically limited during start-up and will not effectively reduce NO_x during this period.

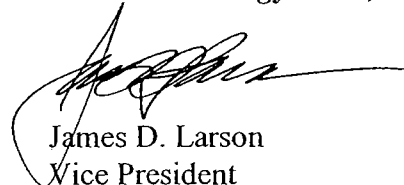
EIS Table 11

The potential acrolein emissions from the combustion turbine, combusting natural gas for 8760 hours per year, is 105 pounds.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Docket #02-48-PPS-FEP LEPGP**

On March 1, 2004, the draft Environmental Impact Statement was released and made available for public review. A public meeting was held on March 22, 2004, by the MEQB staff at the Faribault city hall. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft EIS. The public also had an opportunity to ask questions during informal discussions with project personnel. The comment period was held open until 5:00 pm April 2, 2004. Written comments were received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). These letters were provided to the applicant for review and comment.

On April 7, 2004 the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) received Faribault Energy Park, LLC's written response to the comments offered by the MDNR and MPCA.

The MEQB staff has reviewed the agency and applicant comments and provides the following response.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resource Comments

Item 1. Groundwater Appropriation: As stated in the draft EIS the plant would require an instantaneous maximum of 1,350 gallons per minute for cooling water purposes during operation and the plant is expected to operate at a capacity factor of 40 to 80 percent. Mr. Randy Bradt (MDNR Hydrologist) did attend the initial public informational meeting, and the MDNR Groundwater Appropriation permitting process is discussed within the draft EIS document. The applicant will comply with the standards, rules and policies of the MDNR.

Item 2. Wasterwater: Process wastewater will be directed to a created wetland.

Item 3. Sanitary Waste: Currently, municipal sewer service is not available at the site. Should this change the applicant has stated that a re-evaluation would be conducted at that time.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Item 1. Air Emissions Risk Analysis (AERA): The staff of the MEQB appreciates the MPCA's efforts in correcting and refining the data provided in the initial AERA document. The new data has been incorporated into the final EIS and can be found in Section II Comments Received on the Draft EIS.

Item 2. Wastewater: Although mentioned within the text of the draft EIS, the required

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System permit was omitted from the list of permits in Table 24. Incorporation of the MPCA comments into the final EIS corrects this oversight. As mentioned in the applicant's response letter, an industrial waste water discharge is not anticipated for this facility.

Item 3. Hazardous Wastes: The draft EIS referred to the federal hazardous waste generator designation of Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator when describing operations at the proposed facility in both the text and in Table 24. The correct designation should be Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG). Incorporation of the MPCA comments into the final EIS clarifies the anticipated hazardous waste generator status of the facility. The applicant recognizes the VSQG designation.

Item 4. Water Resources – Surface Water: The draft EIS referred to the standards and policies of the former Phase I Construction Stormwater permit program, which expired on September 3, 2003. The new program is called the Phase II Construction Stormwater Permit. Incorporation of the MPCA comments into the final EIS identifies the new program. The applicant recognizes the new permitting procedures of the Phase II program.

Item 5. Air Quality: The draft EIS states that the facility will install the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) and comply with the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER), when in fact the facility will only be required to meet the BACT. Incorporation of the MPCA comments into the final EIS clarifies these requirements. The applicant recognizes the requirement to meet BACT.

Item 6. Air Quality: The draft EIS states that the MPCA may require the facility utilize an oxidation catalyst to achieve additional emission reductions. The MPCA staff has reviewed the Air Quality Permit application and has determined that an oxidation catalyst will not be required.

Item 7. Air Quality: The Scoping Decision stated that the EIS would include a discussion on carbon dioxide emissions. The draft EIS inadvertently omitted this discussion. The applicant has provided a discussion of carbon dioxide emissions and greenhouse gases. Incorporation of the applicant's comments into the final EIS corrects this oversight.

Item 8. Air Quality – Table 10: The MPCA has provided an edit to the asterisk footnote on Table 10.

Item 9. Air Quality – Table 10: The value for NO_x for the Combustion Turbine Subtotal should read 48.83 tons per year as opposed to the 44.83 tons per year listed. Addition of the MPCA comments to the final EIS corrects this typographical error.

Item 10. Air Quality- Table 11: The value for acrolein for the potential emissions in pounds per year should read 105 pounds per year as opposed to the 10.5 pounds per year listed. Addition of the MPCA comments to the final EIS corrects this typographical error.